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India to sanction the balance and their reply is awaited. The question of allotment of the Government of India grant to the districts including Malabar does not arise."

Sri O. Koran :—" Sir, Dr. J. C. Kumarappa and other eminent persons who visited Malabar have mentioned that the conditions of Harijans in Malabar are very complicated and the problems facing them are many. In the light of these facts, the amount allotted to Malabar for Harijan improvement is very small. Will the Government consider the desirability of setting apart more amounts for Harijans in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran :—" Sir, the main question relates to the Government of India allotment to the Government of Madras for the construction of certain platforms, etc. We will consider the question raised by the hon. Member when the general question of allotting funds to the respective districts is taken up."

Sri M. Dharmalingam :—" Sir, it is an admitted fact that the present Government are taking special interest and are trying to do their utmost for the speedy advancement of the Harijans. Still no specific progress has been made because of the fact that the methods adopted by the Government such as the construction of platforms, latrines, bath rooms, etc., do not help the Harijans either to solve their problems or raise their status or help in any way towards the removal of untouchability. Will the Government therefore draw up a better programme for raising the status of the Harijans and also for removing untouchability? "

The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran :—" Sir, I thank the hon. Member for the good words he has said about this Government but I may tell him that work on behalf of the Harijans and other Backward Classes cannot be spectacular in view of the fact that the problem is so huge and so difficult."

*Stabbing of Kisan worker by name Unnarakutty*

* 1252 *Q.*—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether proper investigation is being made into the case of Sri Unnarakutty, a Kisan worker in Atholi village, Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar, who was stabbed by a member of the Anti-Communist Front on 31st January 1955 resulting in his death; and

(*b*) if not, what action the Government are taking in the matter?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The case in question was investigated by the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Cannanore personally. As the matter is now reported to be sub judice, no further information can be given."

Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not want to state anything regarding the facts of the case but I would like to say that the public of Malabar are very anxious

and view with concern this incident and especially the role played by one Nalupurakkal Kunhiraman Vaidyar in regard to this. Therefore, will the Government be pleased to depute an official from Madras to enquire into the case with special reference to the role played by the above Vaidyar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I really do not know what purpose will be served by deputing an officer from Madras now that the matter is before the Court. I do not think that we should make any enquiries at this stage."

*Presentation of Memorandum to the House*

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, I want to present to the Hon. the Minister for Finance a memorandum signed by about 364 residents of the locality and also a resolution passed in this connection."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am at a loss to know under which rule of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules such a memorandum could be presented. Anyhow, let the hon. Member present the memorandum. I have no objection to his doing so. This should not be taken as precedent. We must make a rule to provide for such things hereafter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this has nothing to do with the proceedings of this House. The hon. Member is only passing on a paper to me privately."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then, instead of bringing it here, the hon. Member could have given it to the Hon. Minister privately."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, it is only a private representation publicly made."

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*cont.*

*Bridge across Tirurangadi river at Parakkadavu*

* 1253 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to construct a bridge over the Tirurangadi river at Parakkadavu in South Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the present stage of the proposal?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

*Rural Water-supply Scheme for Coimbatore*

* 1254 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted to the Coimbatore district towards Rural Water-supply Scheme from the Central Grant of Rs. 29·7 lakhs promised to the Madras State;